



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

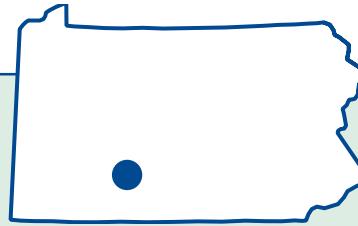
Central City, PA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Borough of Central City was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in southwestern Pennsylvania, the Dark Shade Watershed region (population 4,144) is part of the Appalachian Coal Region and includes Central City and Shade Township. During the early 1900s, the Dark Shade Watershed region grew around the coal mining industry. In 1957, the region's largest coal mine closed, creating an economic void in the community that has never been filled. From 1930 to 1990, Central City and Shade Township lost more than 40 percent of their population. Central City's per capita income is \$13,263. The Watershed region, scarred by decades of mining activities, contains metal-laden soil, unreclaimed strip mines, and piles of coal waste. Twenty acid mine drainage discharges are documented in the region and



Assessment Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Borough of Central City for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform environmental assessments at prioritized sites and support community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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have destroyed almost all aquatic life in the watershed. Brownfields assessments will help leverage resources to transform the Dark Shade Watershed into a cleaner, safer, and healthier community. Cleanup will help restore Dark Shade Creek and facilitate development of the eco-tourism industry in the region.